

AMENDMENTS**In the Claims**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A computer system capable of communicating with an input device having a memory, the computer system comprising:
 - a processor;
 - a memory operably coupled to the processor;
 - a casing housing the processor and memory and defining a recess, the recess configured to receive the input device;
 - an input device having a processor and a touch screen, the input device configured to removably assemble in the recess, the touch screen operable to receive user inputs, the user inputs communicated to the computer system processor and memory as mouse pad inputs when the input device is assembled in the recess and communicated to the input device processor and memory when the input device is removed from the recess; and
 - a computer program stored in the computer system memory associated with the computer system processor, comprising:
 - a set of instructions configured to provide a first decision, wherein the first decision permits data stored in the memory of the input device to be transmitted to the memory of the computer system; and
 - a set of instructions configured to provide a second decision, wherein the second decision permits synchronization of data between the memory of a computer system and a memory of the input device.
2. - 3. (Canceled)
4. **(Currently Amended)** A computer program product, comprising:
 - a set of instructions configured to provide a first decision, wherein the first decision permits data entered into an input device touch screen to be transmitted to a memory of a computer system if the input device is connected to the computer system, the input device touch screen operating as an input device for the

computer system, the data entered into the input device touch screen is presented at a display associated with the computer as mouse pad inputs; and a set of instructions configured to provide a second decision, wherein the second decision permits data entered into the input device touch screen to be transmitted to memory local to the input device if the input device is removed from the computer system, the input device operating independent from the computer system.

5. - 6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 4, further comprising:

a set of instructions configured to synchronize data stored in the memory of the computer system with data stored in the memory of the input device upon insertion of the input device into the computer system.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A method of operating a computer system with an associated input device, the input device having a touch screen, the method comprising:

separating the input device from the computer system;
receiving first user inputs to the touch screen of the input device;
storing the first user inputs in memory local to the input device;
connecting the input device to the computer system by inserting a housing of the input device in a housing of the computer system;
receiving second user inputs to the touch screen of the input device while connected to the computer system; **and**
communicating the second user inputs to the computer system as computer system inputs; **and**
presenting the second user inputs as mouse pad inputs at the computer system.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the input device is a personal digital

assistant.

11. (Original) The method of operating a computer system of claim 9, wherein inserting the input device into the computer system housing operably couples the memory of the computer system to the memory of the input device.

12. (Previously Presented) The method claim 11, further comprising:
initiating synchronization of data stored in the memory of the computer system and data stored in the memory of the input device upon the connecting of the input device to the computer system.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the input device further comprises a touch screen.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
entering a command onto the touch screen of the input device, wherein the command is communicated from the touch screen of the input device to the computer system for execution by the computer system.

15. - 20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) An input device, comprising:
a processor;
a memory operably coupled to the processor;
a casing, the casing housing the processor and the memory, the external surface of the casing of the input device configured to be inserted into a recess defined in a computer system casing; and
a touch screen disposed on the casing, the touch screen operable to accept user inputs to the processor and memory if the casing is separate from the computer system casing, the touch screen further operable to act as the computer system mouse pad if the casing is inserted into the recess.

22. (Original) The device of claim 21, further comprising:
a computer program stored in the memory, comprising:
a set of instructions configured to provide a first decision, wherein the
first decision permits data entered into a the input device to be transmitted the memory of
the computer system; and
a set of instructions configured to provide a second decision, wherein
the second decision permits synchronization of data between the memory of a computer
system and a memory of the input device.
23. (Original) The input device of claim 22, wherein the input device further
comprises:
an amplitude modulated radio receiver.
24. (Original) The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device further
comprises:
a frequency modulated radio receiver.
25. (Original) The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device further
comprises:
a digital pager.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Original) The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device further
comprises:
a point stick.
28. (Original) The input device as recited in claim 21, wherein the input device is a
personal digital assistant.
29. (Original) The input device of claim 21, wherein the memory of the input device
is operably configured to store data in an audio format.

30. (Original) The input device of claim 21, wherein inserting the input device into the recess of the computer system operably couples the memory of the computer system to the memory of the input device.

31. (Original) The input device of claim 21, wherein the input device receives data from the computer system over the Internet.

32. (Original) The device for a computer system as recited in claim 21, wherein the device receives data from the computer system over a wireless network.

33. - 37. (Canceled)